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# Generosities



D.C. Child and Family Services Agency, Office of Volunteer Services

FY06 Report

## 96 DC Foster Teens Gain \$250,000 in Scholarships

*CFSA Received the Largest Scholarship awards for Foster Youths in the Nation*

On behalf of CFSA and the children and families we serve, we are pleased to say “thanks” with this third annual report on donor and volunteer activities. It covers FY06, from October 2005 through September 2006.

*“In Volunteer Services, we continue to be awed by the generous outpouring of our dedicated donors,”* stated Beatrice Williar, Program Manager for Volunteer Services. *“We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness because so many struggling families depend on you for holiday gifts, new experiences, recreational activities, furniture, clothing, and a broad range of “extras” we could not supply without your help.”*

This past spring, CFSA was overwhelmed and grateful to hear the news that Capital One, Inc and Bruce Willis’ foundation, the National Foster Care Fund granted 96 teens \$250,000 in scholarships to attend college. Another first for the agency was the creation of “Partners for Kids” an advisory group of concerned business leaders who helped to provide computers and other supplies for all of CFSA’s freshman (19) entering college Fall of ‘06, among many other contributions. In FY07, we look forward to launching our Volunteer Mentor Partnership program. This pilot program establishes partnerships with nonprofit mentoring organizations to provide regular, one-on-one interaction with children and teens who can benefit from more adult attention and guidance. Our goal is to provide trained mentors for 100 children.



Bruce Willis, Actor

Please take a few moments to read this report and see just how much you have done for District children, teens, and families through CFSA. It adds up to a tremendous outpouring of community support that has made a real, positive difference in so many lives. Thank you so very, very much.

### About the CFSA and Volunteer Services

*The District’s child welfare system currently serves almost 5,000 children, 2,300 of whom are in foster care. As the local public child protective agency, the Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) knows we cannot do the demanding work of helping these youngsters by ourselves. Broad community involvement and strategic partnerships are needed to accomplish our mission of protecting and assisting the District’s abused and neglected children and troubled families. In addition, public funding is not always earmarked to cover all the needs these children and families present.*

*CFSA’s Office of Volunteer Services (OVS) works year-round to develop partnerships with individuals and groups willing to donate goods and services that directly benefit children and families involved with our agency.*

## December 2006

CFSA's Annual Toy Drive -  
Kids Thank Holiday Donors Through Art:



At the end of 2006, Volunteer Services' annual holiday gift drive was a monumental success, collecting over 8,100 toys, bikes, ipods, stuffed animals, games, and other good stuff for the children we serve. OVS then turned the polite and necessary task of writing thank-you notes into a fun event for both kids and donors by asking social workers to have children and teens express their appreciation through art. As an incentive, OVS sponsored a Thank-You Art Contest with cash prizes! Below is the gallery of top winners.



**First Prize \$75**  
Sarah, age 6  
Kristine Way  
Social Worker



**Second Prize \$50**  
Sean, age 6  
Alisha Robinson  
Social Worker



**Third Prize \$25**  
Gary, age 9  
Emily Rawsky  
Social Worker

## WDCTV Sponsors Holiday Party for Youth:

Producing and airing "Coming Home," the documentary about adoption that featured CFSA, just wasn't enough. Local WDCW TV donated \$4,000 to sponsor a holiday party for 100 foster youth involved with CFSA. For several years, CFSA has had a community-sponsored party for our youth.

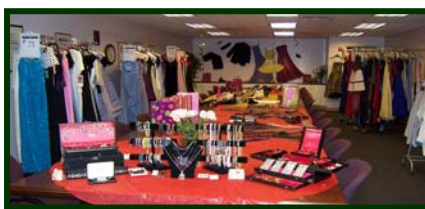
This year, Volunteer Services Manager Beatrice Williar asked WDCW to keep this tradition alive. Thanks to WDCW, our youth continued to have a holiday party just for them. Mayor Adrian Fenty attended the event at Lucky Strike Lanes and took pictures with our youth and staff.

## February/March 2006

**Partners for Kids (PFK)** : Marty Janis, CEO of the Atlantic Group, one CFSA's longtime donors spearheaded the formation of an innovative advisory group of business leaders to create ideas and facilitate relationships with other community-minded organizations to serve our children. Through bi-monthly brainstorm meetings, this initiative has been hugely successful in its outcomes. PFK was a central part of the success of all of CFSA's donation campaigns this year including Project College Bound assembling college tool kits that included computers, comforters, electronics and toiletries for all of CFSA's college-bound freshman. Also, Marty Janis made a hefty donation of board games, activity books, arts/crafts supplies, videos and DVDs for our Children's Comfort Center which provides children with a comfortable environment before being placed with a family. **CFSA thanks all the members of PFK and invites others to join.** If you are interested in participating, contact Beatrice Williar at 202/727-7101.

## April 2006

Project Prom Outfits Youth with Dazzling Attire:



Project Prom continues to be the darling of all of Volunteer

Services' activities. Through generous donations, CFSA's teens had the opportunity to select their very own outfits for prom and graduation from a beautiful array of hundreds of gowns and suits/ tuxedos at our Project Prom boutique. Saida Cunningham of Said's Soft Touch provided complimentary make-overs and facials in preparation for prom. In '07, our teens are planning to expand this initiative with a fabulous fashion and talent show.



## May 2006

### Project College-Bound Equips Foster Youth:

Volunteer Services launched the Project College-Bound, now in its second year. This campaign collects necessary supplies and equipment for foster youth entering or continuing college. Companies and individuals donated money or specific items—or sponsored a specific student. Generous local organizations sponsored 19 of our youths.

## June/July 2006

### DC Chophouse Host Dinner for College Bound

**Youth:** The DC Chophouse Restaurant graciously hosted a dinner for 15 of CFSA's high school graduates. The event was an opportunity for the teens to meet some of the donors who contributed to Project College Bound. Carrie Ann Barrow of DBTS, a technology firm, attended the event. She also offered her firm's services to refurbish used computers for the students and she personally



donated \$3,000 to the campaign to our inaugural campaign. *\*Names changed to protect confidentiality.*

### Washington Wizards - Antonio's Entourage:



The Washington Wizards' player Antonio Daniels donated 60 game tickets and reading books to our agency. CFSA has nearly 200 children in need of "forever families". Our agency's Adoptions Unit used the tickets to help facilitate matching parties. These parties are designed as an opportunity for potential adoptive parents to meet and interact with children while having an enjoyable time.

## August 2006

**Splash Party a Big Success:** On August 11, Volunteer Services, the DC Metropolitan Foster and Adoptive Parent Association and DCKIDS sponsored a "Back to School Splash Party and Health Awareness Day" at the Villages of Parkland Splash Park, 1931 Savannah Street,



*CFSA children at play at the Villages of Parkland Splash Park.*

SE. The event was well attended and brought together foster parents, kids and social workers for a day of discussion and

fun. The Re-licensing Team, foster care workers, the Foster Parent Support Unit and Volunteer Services provided food and backpacks full of school supplies for the children at the event, and social workers were able to take advantage of the event to raise visitations. "These kinds of events are an excellent way to reach the kids, increase visitations and communication and have fun at the same time," said Youth Development Administrator Nicholette Smith-Bligen.

## September/October 2006

**Books for Kids' a Huge Success:** Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of people, CFSA's book drive is helping to enrich children and families we serve on a big scale. Books suitable for



young people of all ages are now available on the second, third, and fourth floors by the elevators and in the sub-basement at 400 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Stuffed animals and games also adorn the

shelves. Reading is a critical basic skill, and many studies have shown that children from homes where books are plentiful do better in school. "When I take books or games or stuffed animals to a visit, the parent feels more like I'm partnering with them, and the child is very appreciative," says CFSA Social Worker **Paige Schultz**. "It shows we care, and some things we take for granted are highly cherished by our clients."

"The 'Books for Kids' drive was an example of a huge community outpouring," says **Beatrice Williar**, program manager of Volunteer Services, which coordinated the drive.





*CFSA's Children's Donation Center helps client families with personal and household necessities year-round.*

## Children's Donation Center

Throughout the year, many caring individuals and groups donate goods to benefit CFSA children and families. At our on-site Children's Donation Center, client families in need can select from a wide variety of clothing, toys, and household items. In FY06, OVS received hundreds of valuable donations for the center including: adult and child clothing, infant supplies, coats, luggage, toiletries, books, computers, furniture, cribs, car seats, stuffed animals, toys, and games. ■

## Our deepest thanks to each and every donor for your caring support.

*\*Donors who gave money, goods or services are listed in an estimated donation value category below.*

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